



Town of Garrett Park
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Special Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Special Council Meeting: July 28, 2018

MINUTES

Call to Order: Mayor Kacky Chantry called the special meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Present were Councilmembers Jane McClintock, Stephen Paczkowski, Phil Schulp, Hans Wegner and Joanna Welch. Also present were Town Manager Gene Swearingen and approximately twenty residents. This special meeting was requested by a majority of Council members to address Mayor Kacky's initial plan to repair some sidewalks without Council approval. Council objected to this plan, and Mayor Kacky offered to withdraw the intention to proceed with the Purchase Order. This meeting was held to discuss this issue.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Kacky read prepared remarks in which she explained her reasons to repair two sidewalk sections (not part of the SRTS) using a pervious material (Flexi-Pave) and why she felt she had been acting in the best interests of the Town. She also explained why she believed this special meeting did not constitute an emergency and was not necessary. Her prepared comments are attached for the record.

In his opening remarks, Town Manager Swearingen requested that the Mayor and Council consider exploring ways to work together to conduct the business of the Town. He also stated that the current relationship between the Council and Mayor could harm the Town's ability to recruit high quality candidates for the town manager position.

Mayor Kacky turned the meeting over to the Council: Some Council members expressed concern that the Mayor had intended to enter into a contract for sidewalk repairs without Council approval and without consulting with the Historic Preservation and Arboretum Committees.

Following this discussion, a Council majority presented a resolution requiring that neither the Mayor or Town Manager may purchase, order or contract for, or commit any money for the demonstration project until the Council votes to approve the project. Councilmember Schulp, the Town Manager, the Mayor, and a number of residents spoke against this resolution as being unneeded and unwarranted. Councilmember Wegner moved to approve this resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember McClintock and approved by a vote of 4 to 1 with Councilmembers Wegner, Welch, Paczkowski, and McClintock voting in favor and Councilmember Schulp voting against. A copy of this resolution is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 9:10 AM.



Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Fox

Andrea Fox, Clerk-Treasurer*

*Signing for Gene Swearingen, who was Clerk-Treasurer during the July 28, 2018 Town Council meeting.